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TO AMEMBASSY LOME PRIORITY

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TAGS: CASC (WILSON, JAMES WILLIAM)

SUBJECT: DETENTION OF JAMES WILLIAM WILSON

REF: LOME 1734

1. SENATORS JOHN C. STENNIS AND JAMES O. EASTLAND
INTERESTED.

2. PER WILSON'S REQUEST, AMBASSADOR RAWLS CONTACTED HIS
SISTER AFTER HER ARRIVAL WASHINGTON AUGUST 10. MS. WILSON
STATED THAT SHE HAD RECEIVED CABLE FROM HER BROTHER ON
AUGUST 9 ASKING HER TO REQUEST SEN. STENNIS TO MAKE STRONG
PROTEST RE WILSON'S CONTINUED DETENTION. MS. WILSON GAVE
THIS MESSAGE TO SEN. STENNIS' OFFICE, WHO RELAYED THIS
MESSAGE TO COUNTRY DESK. ACCORDING HIS SISTER, WILSON
IS BECOMING EXTREMELY IMPATIENT, AND INDICATED TO HIS
SISTER HIS CASE MUST BE RESOLVED "THIS WEEK". SENATOR
STENNIS' OFFICE HAS AGREED TO REFRAIN FROM OFFICIALLY
INTERVENING PENDING RESULTS OF MOVES ON WILSON'S BEHALF
THIS WEEK. AMBASSADOR RAWLS EXPLAINED TO MS. WILSON
THAT AMBASSADOR OHIN AND POSSIBLY MINISTER DOGO COULD BE

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EXPECTED TO MAKE SOME EFFORT ON WILSON'S BEHALF IF NO

PROGRESS ON HIS CASE IS MADE THIS WEEK.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY REPORT ON WHETHER DOGO OR OHIN HAS BEGUN TO MAKE DEMARCHES ON WILSON'S BEHALF, AND ON PROSPECTS FOR WILSON'S EARLY RELEASE.

4. COMMENT: AMBASSADOR RAWLS NOTES THAT WILSON'S MOOD HAS SOURED SINCE CONSOFF LAST MADE CONTACT AUGUST 5. ABOVECABLEIS SIGNIFICANT IN VIEW OF IMPOSSIBILITY OF ANY APPROACH BY MINISTER DOGO PRIOR HIS RETURN TO LOME AUGUST 10.

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